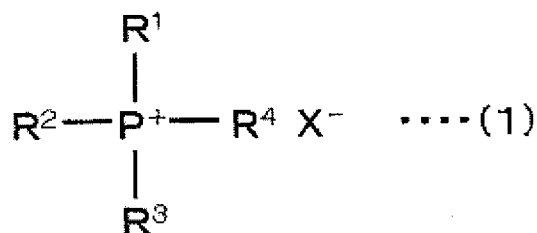


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of improving an antistatic characteristic of a resin, comprising:

adding an antistatic agent into a resin to increase an antistatic characteristic of the resin, the [[An]] antistatic agent for resins, containing phosphonium salts represented by the general formula (1):

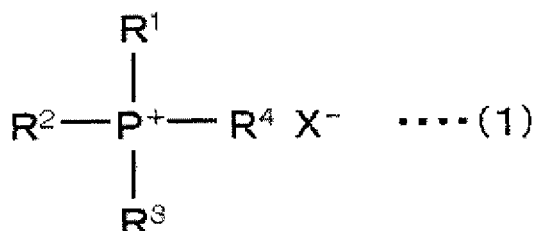


(wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> are each a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having 3 to 8 carbon atoms, and R<sup>4</sup> is a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having 10 to 22 carbon atoms; each alkyl group may have substituted hydroxy group or alkoxy group; R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> may be the same or different from each another; and X<sup>-</sup> is a tetrafluoroborate ion ~~or a hexafluorophosphate ion~~).

2. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic agent for resins according to~~ Claim 1, wherein the phosphonium salt is tri-n-butyl-n-hexadecylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic agent for resins according to~~ Claim 1, wherein the residual halogen is 500 ppm or less.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic agent for resins according to~~ Claim 1, wherein the resin antistatic agent is a [[for]] thermoplastic resin[[s]].

6. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic agent for resins according to~~ Claim 5, wherein the thermoplastic resin antistatic agent is a ~~[[for]]~~ polyamide resin~~[[s]]~~ or for polyester resins.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic agent for resins according to~~ Claim 1, wherein the resin antistatic agent is a ~~for~~ thermoset resin~~[[s]]~~.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic agent for resins according to~~ Claim 7, wherein the thermoplastic resin antistatic agent is a ~~[[for]]~~ polyurethane resin~~[[s]]~~ or an ~~[[for]]~~ epoxy resin~~[[s]]~~.
9. (Currently Amended) A method of improving an antistatic characteristic of an ~~An antistatic resin composition, comprising:~~

mixing containing a resin and phosphonium salts represented by the general formula (1):



(wherein  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ , and  $\text{R}^3$  are each a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having 3 to 8 carbon atoms, and  $\text{R}^4$  is a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having 10 to 22 carbon atoms; each alkyl group may have substituted hydroxy group or alkoxy group;  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ , and  $\text{R}^3$  may be the same or different from each another; and  $\text{X}^-$  is a tetrafluoroborate ion or a hexafluorophosphate ion), to increase an antistatic characteristic of the resin.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic resin composition according to~~ Claim 9, wherein the phosphonium salt is tri-n-butyl-n-hexadecylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate.
11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic resin composition according to~~ Claim 9, wherein the amount of the phosphonium salt compounded is 0.01 to 50 weight parts per 100 weight parts resin.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic resin composition according to~~ Claim 9, wherein the resin is a thermoplastic resin.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic resin composition according to~~ Claim 13, wherein the thermoplastic resin is a polyamide or a polyester.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic resin composition according to~~ Claim 9, wherein the resin is a thermoset resin.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic resin composition according to~~ Claim 15, wherein the thermoset resin is polyurethane resin or epoxy resin.
17. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic resin composition according to~~ Claim 9, wherein carbon material is further contained.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~The antistatic resin composition according to~~ Claim 17, wherein [[the]] carbon nanotubes are contained as the carbon material.
19. (Currently Amended) A method of improving an antistatic characteristic of a ~~An antistatic resin-molded product, comprising:~~  
  
molding ~~wherein the antistatic resin composition of Claim 9 is molded.~~